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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO ASSURES EXILES COSTA RICA
WILL NOT RECOGNIZE CASTRO CUBA

REF: MONTEVIDEO 3154

1. DURING AMEETING WITH A LARGE NUMBER OF RESIDENT CUBAN EXILES ON OCTOBER 30, FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO REPORTEDLY DISCUSSED AT LENGTH THE COSTA RICAN POSITION WITH REGARD TO CUBA SANCTIONS AND CUBAN RECOGNITION. HIS REMARKS PUBLISHED IN APPARENTLY TRUNCATED FORM IN NOVEMBER 3 "LA NACION" WERE OBVIOUSLY INTENDED TO ASSUAGE THE SIZABLE AND INFLUENTIAL CUBAN EXILE COMMUNITY IN COSTA RICA AND WERE NOT INTENDED FOR PUBLICATION. (EMBASSY LEARNED THAT A CUBAN REPORTED ATTENDING THE MEETING TAPED HIS REMARKS. DESPITE FACIO'S REQUEST TO "LA NACION" DIRECTOR, MUCH OF THIS REPORT WAS PUBLISHED.)

2. ACCORDING TO "LA NACION," FACIO SAID THAT
"ONCE THE SANCTIONS ARE LIFTED WE WILL HAVE TO UNDERTAKE
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A CRUSADE TO FREE THE POLITICAL PRISONERS." HE ADDED

THAT "WE HAVE NO CONTACT AT THIS TIME WITH CUBAN AUTHORITIES AND WE WILL NOT HAVE ANY UNTIL WE BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE FREEDOM OF THE PRISONERS. HE REPORTEDLY SUGGESTED THAT THIS MIGHT BE DONE BY MOBILIZING AN INTERAMERICAN MOVEMENT. FACIO STATED CATEGORICALLY THAT COSTA RICA WILL NOT REESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH CUBA UNLESS THE POLITICAL PRISONERS ARE FREED.

3. FACIO REPORTEDLY STRESSED HIS ANTIPATHY FOR THE CASTRO GOVERNMENT AND REPEATED AT LENGTH HIS ARGUMENT THAT THE

LIFTING OF THE SANCTIONS WOULD BENEFIT THE CUBAN PEOPLE (AND PREJUDICE THE CASTRO GOVERNMENT) BY EXPOSING THEM TO "DIPLOMATIC, COMMERCIAL, AND TECHNICAL INFLUENCES" FROM THE REST OF THE HEMISPHERE. HE WENT ON TO SAY, ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, THAT CASTRO HAD BENEFITTED FROM THE BOYCOTT AS IT ENABLED HIM TO LABEL IT EXTERNAL AGGRESSION AND THUS SOLIDIFY PUBLIC OPINION BEHIND HIS REGIME.

4. FACIO WAS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT WHILE HE BACKED REMOVAL OF THE SANCTIONS HE HAD MADE SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS TO DISCOURAGE OTHER COUNTRIES FROM UNILATERALLY REESTABLISHING RELATIONS WITH CUBA. HE REPORTEDLY NOTED HIS FAILURE WITH RESPECT TO PANAMA.

5. COMMENT: ACCORDING TO REPORTS OF THE MEETING HEARD BY THE EMBASSY, FACIO WAS VERY UNHAPPY THAT THE CONTENTS OF HIS MEETING WITH THE EXILES LEAKED.

DURING THE MEETING, HE WAS SAID TO HAVE SPOKEN PARTICULARLY SHARPLY AGAINST PANAMA FOR ITS UNILATERAL MOVE TO RECOGNIZE CUBA. DESPITE HIS REMARKS ABOUT NON-RECOGNITION PENDING RELEASE OF THE POLITICAL PRISONERS, WE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED AT A COSTA RICAN MOVE TO RECOGNIZE CUBA IF THE SANCTIONS ARE LIFTED AND SEVERAL OTHER COUNTRIES TAKE THE RECOGNITION STEP.

6. FOR MONTEVIDEO: CONCEIVABLY THE ESSENCE OF THE ABOVE WAS CONTAINED IN A DISPATCH CARRIED IN MONTEVIDEO PRESS. WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY OTHER RECENT COMMENT
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